

RESOLUTION NO. 12-748

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised of the First Annual Scholarship Gala presented by the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., and sponsored by Tec-Masters, Inc., on September 27, 2012, to be held in the Boone-Lacy Fellowship Hall of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, O. Wendell Davis, Pastor. The theme for the occasion is "Educational Excellence: Sowing Seeds for Success through Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)." The Gala is to support the Academy's scholarship program and other initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, Beth B. Martin is Madison Market President for Progress Bank and Trust. She is responsible for attaining all established bank operational and financial goals. One of her major responsibilities is to ensure that all aspects of the Bank's activities obtain maximum profits commensurate with the best interest of the shareholders, customers, employees, and the community. Beth provides the highest level of customer relations and service; monitors customer's changing needs and recommends strategies that utilize her company's products and services; and,

WHEREAS, her academic achievements include studies at Tuskegee University, Webster University, Huntsville Bible College, and Alabama School of Banking in Mobile. Through these institutions of learning, she has earned the following degrees: Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing; Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology; and a Master of Business Administration degree. Her future plans include pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Finance; and,

WHEREAS, Beth Martin has been and continues to be actively involved in many professional, civic and community organizations in the Huntsville-Madison County and Madison city communities. Through her civic involvement, she is an active member of the Committee 100 and the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the Huntsville/Madison County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Madison Chamber of Commerce, The Schools Foundation, Huntsville Hospital Foundation, Madison Hospital Advisory Board, and the Madison Police Foundation. Additionally, she has served as a member of the Board of Directors and in leadership capacities with the following organizations: Vice Chair of Small Business, Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce; Girls Incorporated Huntsville, Huntsville/Madison County Library Foundation, UA Huntsville Board of Visitors, and the Huntsville Hospital Foundation's Development Council; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Martin is a graduate of several leadership programs, including Leadership Connect, Leadership Alabama Initiative, Impact Leadership, Leadership Huntsville/Madison County and Leadership Alabama. She credits her involvement in these programs that enabled her to positively impact education, politics, healthcare services, and economic development; and

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WHEREAS, in recognition of her contributions and service to the community, she has received numerous awards and honors. She was a nominee for Outstanding Professional Woman and Outstanding Volunteer Services through Girls Scouts of America, North Alabama and was recognized by the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce as a 2010 finalist for Young Professional of the Year. Her professional journey is truly an embodiment of the words of Retired General Colin Powell: "A dream doesn't become a reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination, and hard work;" and,

WHEREAS, in her leisure time, she enjoys reading, swimming, and spending time with her daughter, Jaylin Caroline.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and support the mission of Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., to promote and strengthen projects for the furtherance of religious, cultural, economic and community development. We congratulate Beth Martin as a 2012 Gala Awardee, and extend best wishes to her and the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., for continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED on this the 13th day of September, 2012.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama